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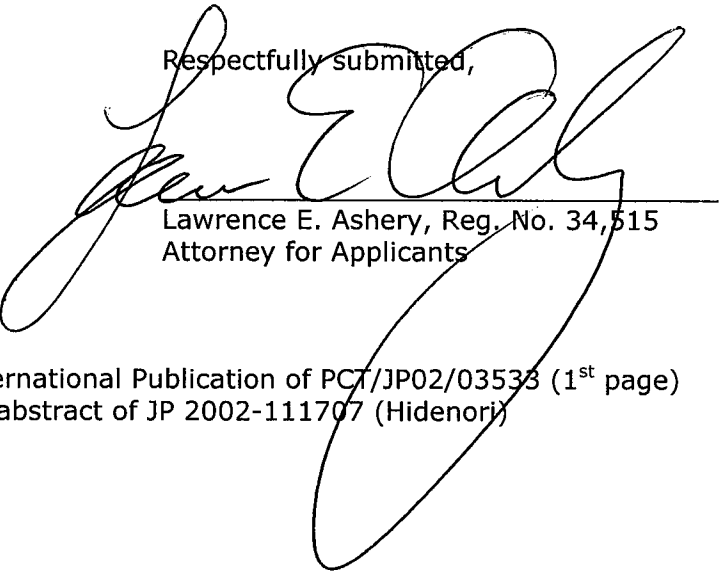
**Remarks/Arguments:**

Claims 8, 13-25 and 30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hammond (U.S. Patent No. 6,854,007) in view of Hidenori (JP 2002-111707). The rejection is respectfully traversed because Applicants' International filing date precedes the publication of the prior art reference.

Hidenori was published on April 12, 2002. The present application is a 371 of PCT/JP02/03533. The International phase of the PCT application was filed on April 9, 2002. Thus, Applicants' International phase was filed three days prior to the publication date of Hidenori. As a result, Hidenori cannot be used in a prior art rejection against Applicants' claims.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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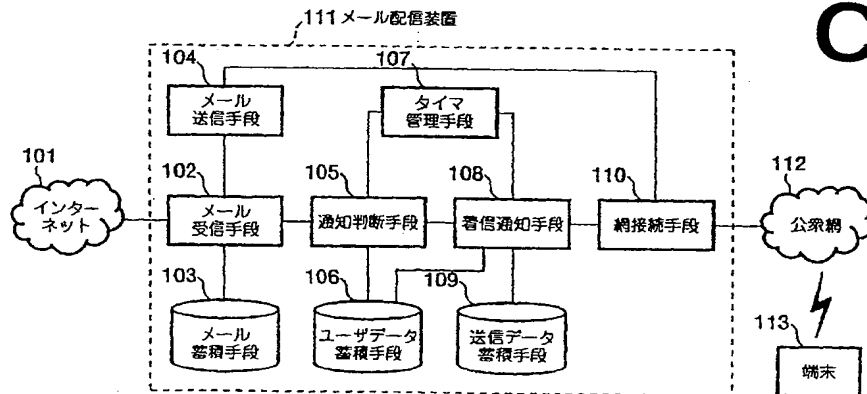
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101...INTERNET

111...MAIL DELIVERY DEVICE

104...MAIL TRANSMISSION MEANS

102...MAIL RECEPTION MEANS

103...MAIL STORAGE MEANS

105...NOTIFICATION DECISION MEANS

106...USER DATA STORAGE MEANS

107...TIMER MANAGEMENT MEANS

108...ARRIVAL NOTIFICATION MEANS

109...TRANSMISSION DATA STORAGE MEANS

110...NETWORK CONNECTION MEANS

112...PUBLIC NETWORK

113...TERMINAL

(57) Abstract: In a system for notifying the arrival of a mail over the Internet, the load of the arrival notification is reduced. In case the arrival notification from a mail delivery device to a terminal has failed, the arrival notification data is stored in transmission data storage means and the arrival notification is again transmitted to the terminal after a predetermined period of time has elapsed. when the arrival notification is transmitted successfully. the stored arrival notification data is deleted from the mail distribution device. Alternatively, the deletion is performed when another mail to the same terminal is received. Moreover, in case of a failure, the time of re-transmission is changed according to the failure reason, or the priority of notification is set according to the kind of the terminal.

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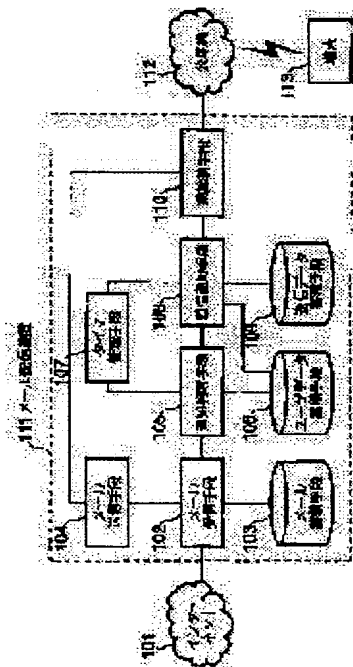
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## (54) ARRIVED MAIL INFORMING SYSTEM AND MAIL DISTRIBUTION DEVICE

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To reduce the arrived signal informing load in a system for informing the arrival of a mail received through the Internet.

SOLUTION: When informing an arrived signal from a main distribution device 111 to a terminal 113 fails, arrival signal data are stored in a transmission data accumulation means 109, the arrival signal report is transmitted to the terminal 113 again after specific time, and the stored arrival signal report data are deleted from the mail distribution device 111. Also, when another mail is received to the same terminal, the mail is deleted. Also, when the transmission of a mail fails, transmission time is changed according to the cause of the failure or the priority order of reporting is set according to the type of the terminal.



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